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DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to Applicant's Amendment of 20 March 2007. Examiner has completed the update search for the claims of that amendment, and no new relevant prior art was found. However, the invention, substantially as set forth in these claims, was published prior to the filing of this application, as set forth by Applicant in the form PTO-1449 of Aug 18 2004, for example. The inventive entity of this application includes as inventor (Tetsuzo Ueda) who is not included in the list of authors for any of the publications. In particular, the teachings of the Applied Physics Letters publication, noted below, does not appear to be distinguishable from the subject matter of the claims as now pending. Because the inventive entity of this application is not the same as the author listing on that document, the document (on its face) is prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(a).

So the finality of the previous Office action is withdrawn, the amendment of 20 March 2007 is entered, and the rejection below is entered pending clarification of the inventorship issue.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 2, 3, 5, and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by Onojima et al., "4H-polytype AlN grown on 4H-SiC (1120) substrate by

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polytype replication," Applied Physics Letters, Volumn 83, number 25, 22 December 2003, pp 5208-10.

With respect to claim 51, the title of the document discloses 4H-polytype AlN grown on 4H-SiC. The first sentence explains that the purpose of the heterostructure is for "devices." Figures 2 and 3 show that the 4H AlN is epitaxial, and is formed directly on the SiC substrate. With respect to claim 2, the substrate is SiC. With respect to claim 3, the recited crystal face is taught. With respect to claim 5, AlN would have equal numbers of Al and N.

There is a document in the case file, apparently submitted by Applicant, titled "High-quality 4H-AlN of 4H-SiC(11-20) substrate by polytype matching," which does not appear to be listed on any of the forms PTO-1449. There is no date on the document. Examiner requests clarification.

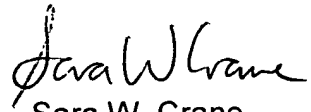
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